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In re Application of:

Prall et al.

Serial No.: 09/832,272

Filed: April 10, 2001

For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING
SELF-ALIGNED CVD-
TUNGSTEN/TITANIUM CONTACT
PLUGS STRAPPED WITH METAL
INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE

Confirmation No.: 2827

Examiner: M. Warren

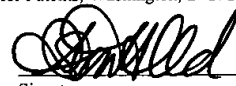
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the final Office Action of August 28, 2002 whose initial period of response is set to expire November 28, 2002.